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THAT OBIOUS TAX.

Income Tax and Pensions Wake the House Up.

Motion to Strike Out the Appropriation Lost.

BRECKINRIDGE SPOKE

William Waldorf Astor is Denounced and Defended.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The house yesterday entered upon the consideration of the urgency deficiency appropriation bill. The bill contained two disputed items, the appropriation for special pension examiners and that for the collection of the income tax. The former appropriation opened the doors for a debate on the conduct of the pension office, especially the practice of annually suspending the payment of alleged fraudulent pensions and the debate on the income appropriation was especially lively, but the motion to strike it out was defeated by a vote of 54 to 127.

An attempt to secure an agreement fixing the limit of general debate failed owing to the objections of Mr. Bartlett, Democrat of New York, who was the head of the opposition to the income tax, and Mr. Hambleton, Republican of Iowa, who led the opposition to the appropriation for the special examiners of the pension office.

Mr. Sickles, Democrat of New York, and a roar of Republican applause, repudiated the charge of wholesale frauds made against pensioners, and declared his unalterable opposition to the appropriation unless it could be authoritatively shown that the pension examiners provided for by the law employed in aiding, instead of embarrassing, deserving claimants.

After some further debate on the subject of this appropriation by Messrs. Coombs and Daniels, New York, Blinham, Pa. Tracy, New York and Grosvenor, Ohio, Mr. Bartlett, Democrat, New York, got the floor and opened the discussion of the income tax appropriation. He was earnestly opposed to this vicious tax. The bill he had introduced for its repeal he knew would meet the light of day, and the opponents of that tax must make their fight against the appropriation necessary to make it operative.

Mr. Barthold, Republican, Missouri, wanted to know whether the income tax was annulled. Mr. Bartlett would be willing to revise the tariff so as to make up the deficiency in the revenues.

Mr. Bartlett replied he had always been willing to vote for a tariff for revenue, and for revenue only.

Mr. McMillin, Democrat, Tennessee, defended the income tax as a just, constitutional and Democratic measure. In the course of a hot colloquy with Mr. Bartlett (N. Y.), that followed, Mr. McMillin said: "In order to show the flagrant wrong that is done by the system of taxation under which we have been living, I will call your attention to Mr. William Waldorf Astor. This gentleman ran for congress once against the present governor of New York, Mr. Flower, and was defeated. His defeat scored and embittered him against the government and our institutions. He moved abroad, and not content with what he could say against America himself and our American institutions, he purchased one of the ablest journals in Great Britain. He lives there now, and his paper is doing its work against our institutions. The income of this man, derived from property in New York, is more than \$3,000,000 a year, and he does not pay the does not pay a state tax, county tax and municipality tax, it is true, but he does pay the government of the United States, and has not paid \$10 in ten years, although he has this colossal fortune, which is protected by our army and defended by our navy."

Mr. Bartlett—I will answer the gentleman that there is no better taxpayer in the state of New York than William Waldorf Astor, no family in the state or county of New York that contributes more largely to taxation purposes, state, county and municipal, than does the Astor family.

Mr. Henderson, Iowa, and Mr. Cockran, New York, both stated they considered a debate on the merits of the income tax unprofitable. Both hoped that the elections had furnished an intellectual awakening on the Democratic side which would result in the repeal of "this odious tax."

After a short speech by Mr. Breckinridge, who was in charge of the bill, in which he defended the income tax, attributed the late Democratic disaster to divisions among the leaders, and predicted that the younger Democrats who suffered defeat last November would return to congress and power along with a purified party, general debate closed and Mr. Bartlett moved to strike out the appropriations for the collection of the income tax. Defeated 54 to 127.

Buried in Two Graves.

RIDGEWAY, Mo., Dec. 13.—The funeral of David Spragg, his wife and two children, whom he so foully murdered, took place yesterday at 2:30 p. m. In one grave reposes his wife and their 14-months-old babe, Albert, and in the other lie Spragg and little "Caley," as he was familiarly called. He was but 9 years old. Clint Onstott and his sister, Iva, aged 9 and 7 respectively, step-children of Spragg, who were thought to be mortally wounded, will doubtless recover, but will be horribly disfigured for life.

Nebraska Maximum Rate Case. LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 13.—The attorney general has received the report of the counsel of the state in the trial of the maximum rate case. He declares that the law should be repealed. It now remains for the legislature to make an appropriation for the purpose, which it is believed will be done.

SEELY IDENTIFIED.

The President of the Looted Bank Calls Upon Him in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—At 5 o'clock last evening President Crane of the Shoe and Leather national bank of New York, walked into United States Marshal Arnold's office. Half an hour after he was sitting in Inspector Shea's office, when the door opened and his defaulting bookkeeper, Samuel C. Seely, stepped into the room. Mr. Seely reached out and took the extended hand of President Crane. As the president shook Seely's hand with the warmth of an old friend Seely was much affected, and in a low, stammering tone of voice, he said:

"Mr. Crane, I did not think you would want to shake hands with me." Mr. Crane, pushing Seely into a chair beside him, replied in kindly tones:

"Why, Sam, I am glad to see you. Sit down." The door closed on the two men. For half an hour they were closeted together.

Mr. Crane said that under the terms of the reward offered for the arrest of Seely, it will be paid only after the conviction of the prisoner. This will be sad news for McFarland, who has made several calls upon the police department to see when he was going to get that \$3,000. He wants it all at once and he wants it now.

CHIEF GAUL DEAD.

Was Next to Sitting Bull in Rank as a Sioux Chief.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 13.—The death of Gaul, one of the noted Sioux chiefs



is reported from Standing Rock agency. He was next to Sitting Bull in rank as chief.

Train Robber Sentenced to Death.

FLORENCE, Ariz., Dec. 13.—Judge Rouse has sentenced Oscar Rogers, convicted of train robbery, to be hanged on February 8. An appeal will be taken. The general opinion of the lawyers of the territory is that train robbery, a capital offense, is unconstitutional, and that the supreme court of the territory will order a new trial of the case on a simple charge of robbery.

Ready for Train Robbers.

SEBASTIA, Mo., Dec. 13.—The officials of the Missouri Pacific received information yesterday that a number of armed men were camping near Ottumwa water tank and a hold-up was threatened. Acting on this advice detectives from St. Louis and Kansas City were placed on east and west-bound passenger trains, but trains were not molested.

Gold Reserve Getting Low.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The treasury gold reserve now stands but \$5,000,000 above the reserve limit of \$100,000,000, having been gradually reduced to \$105,000,000 by withdrawals for export and redemption purposes. On these two counts the loss sustained since December 1 has been \$10,552,698, or \$1,000,000 a day, Sundays excluded.

A. R. U. Directors Meet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—The board of directors of the A. R. U. began its regular quarterly meeting yesterday afternoon. All of the directors were present except R. M. Goolwin. The day was spent in going over the finances of the organization and in reviewing the reports of directors.

Duty on Cattle.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Representative Broderick of Kansas yesterday introduced in the house a bill restoring the McKinley rate of duty of \$10 per head on cattle over 1 year old entering the United States, in place of the present ad valorem rate amounting to about \$2 per head.

Held Up an Operator.

FREDONIA, Kan., Dec. 13.—Two men with drawn revolvers entered the Union Pacific depot here yesterday a few minutes after 12 o'clock and compelled the operator to open the cash drawer. They secured \$7.85 and made their escape.

Killed by an Attorney.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Octavious Selvig, a bartender, was shot and fatally wounded last night by Robert D. Wellman, an attorney, of Henrietta, Texas. There was no apparent cause for the shooting.

French Gang Rob a Store.

MUSKOGEE, I. T., Dec. 13.—Three outlaws, supposed to be Jim French, and his pals, robbed a store at Muskogee yesterday. They secured considerable money and goods.

The coal ordered from us passes over a large screen when loaded in our wagons at the yards. We have contracts calling for screenings, and can well afford to put our coal in the best possible shape. This is one explanation for our greatly increased business. Give us a trial, and you will see the difference.

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FIGHT SUGAR TRUST.

Packers and Cattlemen to Make War on Sugar.

The Present Duty on Sugar Injures Their Interests.

WANT IT REMOVED.

Immense Interests Arrayed on the Side of Cattlemen.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Word reaches here that the vast cattle interests of the West, representing an invested capital of not less than \$500,000,000, are about to grapple in a deathly struggle with the sugar trust, and that the direction of the fighting is to be led by P. D. Armour, Nelson Morris and Swift, the Chicago kings of the meat trade. The United States is to be the battle ground and, unless the program miscarries, the encounter between these colossal interests will furnish the crowning sensation of the short session of congress.

Free sugar is a necessity to protect the great consuming markets of Europe. The imposition of a duty on sugar was promptly met by the raising of an embargo against American beef by Germany and Australia and other nations are expected to follow suit.

The merits of this question have been pretty thoroughly canvassed and mention is only required in this connection to emphasize the point that Germany has indicated clearly that she does not propose to proceed from the position taken with regard to American meats until the discrimination against the best sugar interests of the German empire is removed. German commercial intrigue is fanning the flames of hostility throughout Europe toward American meats, and a renewal of the old vindictive and general warfare against the American meat products on the part of the Old World nations is not only threatened, but felt to be imminent. The American meat trade with foreign countries approximates \$150,000,000 a year and anything that threatens that mighty business in a vital or important way instantly touches the pockets of one of the most powerful and fighting combinations in existence.

The cattle raisers are in a state of perpetual warfare with the great packing combinations, but in the presence of a common enemy a community of interests is at once formed and a united front presented. Therefore the cattle raisers, the cattle killers and the meat distributors are pooling their issues and preparing to remove the cause of irritation that is disturbing their established trade. The duty on sugar being that cause they will bombard the trust.

The conditions being thus squarely defined, a line of action was soon agreed upon. The details of the campaign have not been fully matured, but the general outlines have been, subject, of course, to modification. The purpose is to go at the sugar trust in the senate at the first opportunity, even at the risk of blocking all kinds of legislation, and forcing an extraordinary session. The theory upon which this proposition is based is that the meat interests are of more importance than the sugar trust, and that an appropriation or anything else that can come up and that congress must protect them.

In this fight the meat men feel that they can command the aggressive support of the senators from every western and southern state and put up a combination that will be invincible.

Internal Revenue Under Civil Service.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The president after a conference with Secretary Carlisle and Commissioner Miller of the internal revenue bureau, issued an order extending the civil service laws and rules to the internal revenue service. The new extension will embrace 518 storekeepers, 578 gaugers, 1,199 storekeepers' gaugers and 185 clerks in the offices of the collectors, making 3,471 in all. Deputy collectors, of which there are 993, are not included in this order, nor are the duties which will be appointed to assist in the collection of the income tax.

An Actress Poisoned.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 13.—Lulu Leslie, a dancer with the Bessie Bonelli company, playing an engagement in this city, is unconscious, with little hope of recovery, the result of an overdose of belladonna. She has been suffering with severe headache and sent a bell boy for anti-pyrene. The boy returned with belladonna, which a druggist's boy had given him by mistake. Miss Leslie swallowed five grains of the drug. The druggist discovered the mistake, but not until Miss Leslie had been overcome with the effects of the poison.

Exports During November.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—A statement prepared at the bureau of statistics, treasury department, shows exports during the month of November as follows: Mineral oils, \$3,696,281; cotton, \$33,808,849; breadstuffs, \$7,578,112, of which \$3,245,638 was wheat and \$4,078,307 wheat flour; provisions, \$12,089,050, which includes \$2,169,407 for feed, \$1,304,567 for fresh beef, \$2,480,933 for bacon, \$292,256 for hams, and \$3,858,568 for lard.

Convicted Murderer Wedded.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 13.—General Kennedy, one of the murderers of the night telegraph agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis road at Shiloh, who is to hang next Monday, was married in the county jail in Jasper last evening to Martha Taylor. Both General and John Kennedy are to be executed Monday. They are unpleasant and blasphemous in the extreme. They swear at all who come near them.

FRIENDS OF LITTLE ONES.

Papers Read at the Convention of the National Home Association.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 13.—At the second day's session of the convention of the Boys' and Girls' National Home and Employment association the time was taken up with the reading of the following papers: By William Laws, "Train the Children for Christ;" Mrs. E. P. Johnson, "A Compulsory Education;" Mrs. C. H. English, "An Agricultural Farm for Children."

The resolutions committee passed a resolution to make the following demands of the legislatures of the states: A compulsory educational law, a truancy law, the establishment of agricultural, manual and industrial training school for dependent children apart from criminal institutions; that state organization be incorporated at once with a view to prosecute and serve the law.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

A dispatch from Pierre, S. D., says a sudden rise of three feet in the Missouri river carried out the pontoon bridge there.

Harry Reesh and Arthur Brown were killed and Henry Harris fatally hurt in a fight with tramps near Auburn, Ind.

The president and Mrs. Cleveland have abandoned their country home at Woodley for the season and moved into the White house.

The town of Roanoke, Ind., is very much disturbed over a fatal assault upon the town marshal by John Carpenter and Daniel Leggett.

P. D. Pollock has declined the office of state school commissioner of Georgia, to which he was recently elected. It is an important office.

Representative Kiefer of Minnesota, has introduced a bill for the appropriation of \$10,000 for the construction of a military hospital at Fort Snelling, Minn.

Lack of funds to meet obligations presented caused the Needles, Cal., National bank to close its doors. The officials say all depositors will be paid in full.

Representative Sickles, of New York, has introduced in the house a bill for a pension of \$100 per month to Mary Palmer Banks, widow of Major General Nathaniel P. Banks.

A man named Brumage was assassinated at his residence near Paris, Tenn. He was called to his door and shot down. There is no clue to the identity of the assassin. The county officials will investigate the murder. In Sioux City, Iowa, the jury in the impeachment case against Supervisor Walter Strange of Woodbury county, after being out nearly two days, returned a verdict of guilty. Strange was charged with malfeasance in office.

The Little Rock board of trade has endorsed the Baltimore plan for the creation of a safe and elastic currency, and adopted resolutions calling on Arkansas senators and representatives to use their best efforts in its behalf.

In Austin, Texas, the grand jury returned a true bill against J. L. Suttler, secretary of the People's Loan and Building association, who was recently arrested in Mexico while on a bridal trip. Suttler is well known in Arkansas.

Early Wednesday morning the Grand Trunk elevator and warehouse in Valparaiso, Ind., was entirely destroyed by fire. It contained 10,000 bushels of wheat and a large quantity of oats, besides other cereals. The origin of the fire was incendiary.

The steamer Warimo, which arrived at Victoria from Australia brings word that the island of Ambrym, Hebrides, was destroyed by volcanic action November 13. A native village with all the inhabitants was swept into the sea. The British war-ship Barth has gone to the scene.

Senator Mitchell of Oregon, has introduced a bill in the senate providing for the abolishment of the death penalty in the army and navy and in places where the United States has exclusive jurisdiction, except in murder cases, criminal assault, desertion to the enemy in time of war and aggravated mutiny.

Joseph P. Ward of Central City, Col., was tried in the United States court at Denver on a charge of using the mails with intent to defraud. It is alleged that he claimed to own land which he did not own, made out abstracts of title to the same. Part of the land sold was somewhere at the bottom of Lake Superior.

The comptroller of the currency received a telegram announcing that the City National bank of Quannah, Texas, had closed its doors. It was Cashier Brice of this bank who was arrested some days ago on a charge of embezzling between \$25,000 and \$30,000 of its funds. Bank Examiner J. J. Gannon has been placed in charge.

Senator Cameron has introduced a bill to amend the tariff law providing for a duty of five cents per square yard on hemp and jute carpets and carpeting. With the bill he presented a statement made by the manager of the Roxbury mills, of Plymouth, Pa., representing that the rate fixed on these carpets in the new tariff law is an error, and that it has proved to be so serious that it has closed all the jute carpet manufacturing in the country.

Died of a Broken Heart.

SEBASTIA, Mo., Dec. 13.—William R. Simpson, a wealthy jeweler of Holden, Mo., died yesterday morning under peculiar circumstances. Yesterday his son, Simmie Simpson, a wayward boy of 18 years, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary. An hour before the sheriff left with the son for the state's prison the elder Simpson, who had been enjoying good health, suddenly expired, his death, according to his physician, being due to a broken heart.

Slain With a Maul.

MALDEN, Mo., Dec. 13.—C. H. Shelton killed Ed Cavitt at Charleston, a country town south of here, yesterday. The men were working in the woods and the killing was done with a maul. Shelton claims that Cavitt got in the way and the killing was accidental, but the coroner's inquest has developed that it was most probably a murder. Cavitt married Shelton's wife's niece.

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Plated Silverware.

Crumb Trays and Scrapers (like illustration.)

Mirrors, Thermometers, Drinking Cups, Atomizers, Bon Bon Spoons, Berry Spoons, Souvenir Spoons, Sugar Shells, Coffee Spoons, Gravy Ladles, Cream Ladles, Ring Holders, Tea Balls, Tea Ball Holders, Zappa Ball Holders, Butter Knives, Pickle Castors, Gutter Dishes, Tea Strainers, Soap Boxes, Napkin Rings, Orange Socks, Pin Trays, Pocket Match Safes, Hair Pin Boxes, Salt and Pepper, Ink Stands and Trays, Ink Blotters, Tooth Pick Holders, Perfumery Bottles, Button Hooks, Bon Bon Boxes, Nut Picks and Cracks, Collapse Drinking Cup, Carving Knife, Sharpener, Triple Plated, Tea Sets, Child's Sets—Knife, Fork and Spoon, Whisk Broom with Silver Handle, Pocket Fruit Knife and Pick.

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